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GRAY, COLLINS, HWANG, GODFREY, KOWBEL, and ROMMENS

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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 9, 1998 for three months, from September 9, 1998 to December 9, 1998. An appropriate response to the Office Action in the form of an Amendment together with a Declaration of Joe W. Gray, Collin Collins, Soo-In Hwang, Tony Godfrey, David KOWBEL, and Johanna Rommens Under 35 U.S.C. §1.131 are enclosed herewith.

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